

JOINT COMMITTEE for ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING
Alabama Board of Nursing and Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
770 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Fiscal Year 2018
March 20, 2018
Scheduled Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, MSN, RN, CRNP, acting chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm on March 20, 2018.

Joint Committee members present:

Sheila Lopez, CNM
Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, MSN, RN, CRNP
Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD
John S. Meigs Jr., MD
Dick Owens, MD

Joint Committee members absent:

Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP

Staff members present:

The Alabama Board of Nursing:

Peggy Benson, Executive Officer, NE-BC, MSN, MSHA, RN
Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN, Nurse Consultant for Advanced Practice
Sharon Tubbs, Administrative Assistant

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:

Pat Ward, Collaborative Practice Consultant
Amy Wybenga, CRNP, Nurse Practitioner Consultant

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared with two nurse members and three physician members present.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Prior notice of meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On March 20, 2018, Dr. Meigs moved that the Committee adopt the Agenda as presented to include the modifications for Amended Item 8. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On March 20, 2018, Dr. Owens moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of February 20, 2018, as presented. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ortho Injections – Muscle Groups

The Joint Committee members discussed the following grid that was developed for clarity of what injections are allowed under the Orthopedic Specialty Protocol.

JOINT	INCLUDED	EXCLUDED
Shoulder	Acromioclavicular Joint Subacromial Bursa	Glenohumeral Joint Bicipital Tendon
Elbow	Medial Epicondyle Lateral Epicondyle	Ulnar Collateral Ligament Biceps Tendon Biceps Muscle Annular Ligament of Radius
Greater Trochanteric Bursa	Iliopsoas Bursa Gluteous Medius Bursa Ischiogluteal Bursa	Hip Joint
Knee	Knee Joint Pes Anserine Bursa	Suprapatellar Bursa Prepatellar Bursa Infrapatellar Bursa Patellar Tendon Sartorius Tendon Gracilis Tendon Semitendinosus Tendon
Ankle	UNDER REVIEW	
Ankle, Wrist and Hand		NPs are not authorized to perform injections in the wrist or hand
No injections of tendons, ligaments, or muscles groups		

In February 2018 the Joint Committee requested additional information about Nurse Practitioners performing Ankle injections. A review of Alabama Board of Nursing records shows 76 NPs with "Active" Orthopedic Protocol Specialty. Of these 76, only three have approval for ankle injections.

Dawn Daniel presented the Joint Committee with research results about Nurse Practitioners performing Ankle injections. A review of Alabama Board of Nursing records shows 76 NPs with an "Active" Orthopedic Specialty Protocol. Of these 76, only three have approval for ankle injections and of these three, only one After contacting these three NPs, it was determined that submitted required documentation.

Dr. Jordan recommended removing ankle injections from the Orthopedic Specialty Protocol granting the one NP an exception due to previous approval and submission of required documentation.

Dr. Jordan recommended removal of the Medial Epicondyle and Lateral Epicondyle from the included section of the elbow. The Medial and Lateral Epicondyle are bony structures and the injections associated with these structures are in the muscle and/or tendons attached to these structures.

Dr. Meigs questioned the inclusion of injection of the Olecranon Bursa of the elbow. Dr. Jordan agreed that the Olecranon Bursa is an injection of the elbow that should be placed in the included section.

Dr. Jordan recommended increasing font and boldness of the "No injections of tendons, ligaments or muscle groups" statement at the bottom of the grid.

The final grid approved is attached to the minutes.

On March 20, 2018, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee members approve the grid for Included/Excluded injections under the Orthopedic Specialty Protocol to include the changes documented above. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Revision to Standard Protocols

The Joint Committee members were presented with Standard Protocols revisions which include, include the patient population/scope of practice for the specific specialty certifications at the top of each protocol.

The Joint Committee members were presented with the Certification/Patient Population/Certifying Agency Crosswalk document which is being placed as a Resource under each Advanced Practice Role on the website. It serves as a quick reference for advanced practice nurses, employers, credentialing staff and ABN call center staff.

On March 20, 2018, the Joint Committee members received as information.

B. Covering Physician Status

ABN staff shared concerns related to covering physician's having large numbers of nurses to cover, an example included one physician listed with as a covering physician for 43 CRNP's. The committee discussed the need to review current rules for possible revision.

On March 20, 2018, the Joint Committee members received as information.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by February 23, 2018, for Collaborative Practice agreements.

A. Withdrawn/Terminated Collaborations

As of February 23, 2018, the following applicants Withdrew or Terminated Temporary Approval before or after the publication of the Joint Committee agenda.

Prior to publication of the roster (not listed on roster)

Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
1/23/2018 – 2/14/2018	Marni Federer	1-157770	Lawrence Lee	MD20235

Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
2/16/2018 – 2/19/2018	Lisa Foreman	1-057085	Hemant Sinha	MD22164

After publication of the roster

Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
2/21/2018- 3/15/2018	Paul McDonald	1-114040	Paul Espy	MD9609

On March 20, 2018, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for collaborative practice for the period from date of temporary approval through date of withdrawal or termination, as stated. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Applications for Full Review

The applications for 'Full Review' include Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians.

1. Items 1-1 thru 85-1, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or Covering Physicians.

On March 20, 2018, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaborative practice agreements for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians, Items 1-1 thru 85-1 as listed on the roster and the write in for Laura Farhat (1-159101) with Dr. Kennedy (MD15403), excluding Items in 8A. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

2. Item 86-2, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote locations and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills.

On March 20, 2018, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee defer the collaborative agreement for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills, Item 86-2 which was deferred for more information. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

3. Items 87-3 thru 113-3, Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills.

On March 20, 2018, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee approve Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, with/without Remote locations and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills, Items 87-3 thru 113-3 as listed on the roster, excluding the skill request for Chemical Peel-medium depth, Squaric acid dibutylester in acetone used for Alopecia, and Cryotherapy of benign pigmented lesions on Item 88-3 which was denied, Item 100-3 which was terminated, skill request for Bony Fiducial Placement for Deep Brain Stimulation on Item 113-3 which was deferred for more information, and the write in for Sandra McMichael (1-054167) with Dr. Chamnongchareonwong (DO625) which was deferred for more information. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

4. Items 114-4 thru 119-4, Collaborative Practice Application which are more than 28 days old

and for which the physician fee is unpaid.

ITEM #	APP TYPE	LICENSE #	NURSE NAME	PHYSICIAN NAME	LICENSE #	APPLICATION DATE
114-4	Add New	1-129322	Marjorie Seltzer	Ian Thorneycroft	MD15135	01/28/2018
115-4	Add New	1-152770	Reneka Polk	David Morrison	MD20819	02/02/2018
116-4	Add New	1-035374	Arlene Johnson	Robert Platt	MD15882	02/04/2018
117-4	Initial	1-111600	Crystal Duncan	Joshua Johannson	MD31286	01/23/2018
118-4	Initial	1-165754	Katie Bostrom	Jessica Steinkampf	MD35524	01/27/2018
119-4	Initial	1-109031	William Jones	Adam Hensley	MD29852	02/16/2018

On March 20, 2018, Dr. Jordan moved that the Joint Committee deny and withdraw consideration of complete Collaborative Practice Applications which are more than 28 days old and for which the physician fee is unpaid. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

9. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

ABN staff asked for guidance related to CRNP in Radiology Practice for Emergencies and a Psychiatric Mental Health NPs requesting approval for a collaboration with a Medical Director (non-psychiatrist) in a Longterm Care Facility. The situations were discussed and recommendations received.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Alabama Board of Nursing located at 770 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Owens moved for adjournment. Ms. Lopez seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm on March 20, 2018.

Kathleen Rhodes
Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, MSN, RN, CRNP
Acting Chairperson

05/15/2018
Date of Approval

Submitted by:

Dawn Daniel
Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN
Alabama Board of Nursing

Sharon H. Tubbs
Sharon Tubbs, Recorder, March 20, 2018
Alabama Board of Nursing

Orthopedic Specialty Protocol

JOINT	INCLUDED	EXCLUDED
SHOULDER	Acromioclavicular Joint Subacromial bursa	Bicipital Tendon Glenohumeral joint aspiration and injection
ELBOW	Olecranon Bursa	Ulnar Collateral Ligament Biceps Tendon Biceps Muscle Annular Ligament of Radius Muscle and Tendon attachments at the Medial and Lateral Epicondyles
GREATER TROCHANTERIC BURSA	Iliopsoas Bursa Gluteous Medius Bursa Ischiogluteal Bursa	Hip Joint
KNEE	Pes anserine bursa	Suprapatellar bursa Prepatellar bursa Infrapatellar bursa Patellar Tendon Sartorius Tendon Gracilis Tendon Semitendinosus Tendon
WRIST, HAND	EXCLUDED	NPs are not authorized to perform injections in the wrist or hand
ANKLE	EXCLUDED	NPs are not authorized to perform injections in the ankle
		Tendons, ligaments, or muscle groups

****No injections of tendons, ligaments, or muscle groups**

“For the purpose of this approval the mid-level practitioner is allowed to perform aspirations of joints [limited to shoulder, elbow (olecranon bursa only), knee, and greater trochanteric bursa according to the above grid], with Board approved documentation of training under direct physician supervision.

Allowed to perform injections to joints [limited to shoulder, elbow (olecranon bursa only), knee, and greater trochanteric bursa], with Board approved documentation of training under direct physician supervision.

Mid-Levels are approved to perform joint injections at remote site locations after approval of documented training and upon request to and approval by, the Board. Total of 25 supervised injections with no less than three (3) of each joint to be considered for approval”. Supervised practice must be submitted within one (1) year of being granted the approval to train or the approval to train expires. Effective March 20, 2018